

**Meeting Summary**  
**Waste Discharge Requirements – Working Group Meeting #14**  
**Wednesday, May 18, 2016**  
**1:30 pm – 3:30 pm**

Los Angeles County Department of Public Works  
900 S. Fremont Ave, Alhambra, CA 91803  
Conference Room B

Attended by: see sign-in sheet

Meeting Summary:

**1. Introductions**

**2. Presentation on the 17 LA River Watershed reaches with no excess capacity and their proposed maintenance plans**

- a. Public Works presented an overview of the 17 reaches (Reaches 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 24, 96, 99, and 100) within the Los Angeles River Watershed that have no excess capacity.
- b. The proposed maintenance activities call for the removal of all vegetation within the Flood Control right of way for five reaches (Reaches 2, 12, 13\*, 14\*, and 18) to provide additional hydraulic capacity.
- c. \* Reaches 13 and 14 were previously identified as potential reaches for pilot projects. This process will be pursued on a parallel path outside of the WDR Working Group meeting and will need additional evaluation.
- d. Regional Board will reassess the hydraulic analysis of the five reaches to confirm the validity of the proposed vegetation removal under the maintenance plan.
- e. For Reach 18, Public Works will look into suggestions made by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to incorporate rushes, grasses, and other feasible vegetation to prevent sediment degradation and aggradation while providing the additional capacity needed.
- f. There will be a follow-up discussion on the five reaches when Public Works is ready to report back on the requested information.

**3. Pre-discussion on the scope of the Water Quality Sampling**

- a. Working Group proposed to define the objectives for the WDR water quality requirements to find out how it compares/correlates to the requirements of the MS4 permit.
- b. The goal for the water quality sampling is to have a regional and coordinated approach between the two permits to avoid duplication of work and results.

**4. Next Agenda Items**

- a. Discussion on water quality sampling:
  - i. Identify specific data needed to protect water quality and habitat
  - ii. Compare the existing water quality sampling practices under the WDR and MS4 permit requirements for overlaps
- b. Recap of the public meeting on the Malibu Creek and Dominguez Channel Watersheds Feasibility Report

## **5. Stakeholder Open Forum**

- a. No discussions/concerns from the stakeholders

### **Action Item(s):**

1. Agenda Item 1: Public Works to report back with data regarding the required vegetation removal acreage, types of vegetation (native or non-native), and design flow for Reaches 2, 12, 13, 14, and 18.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, June 16, 2016, 10 AM – 12 PM  
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